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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL.

The little ceremony which is to take place in the belfry of Sheffield Cathedral next week has much more than a local interest, for in ringing circles Charles Henry Hattersley was a national figure, and the modest but fitting memorial that is to be unveiled will serve for all time to perpetuate the memory of one whose outstanding ability placed him conspicuously in the forefront of the Exercise, and whose warm heart and genial nature installed him for ever in the love of those who had the privilege of his friendship. His native Sheffield—and no community ever had a more loyal citizen—is naturally the spot in which his memorial should be placed, and it could repose in no more suitable a niche than the belfry where so many happy hours were spent by him.

The form which the memorial is to take seems specially appropriate and would, we believe, have been in the fullest accord with his own wishes, had they ever been consulted. The late Mr. Hattersley, throughout his long career, was never so happy as when helping others to acquire a deeper insight and interest in the Art which he loved so well. It is extremely gratifying, therefore, that his collection of ringing books and manuscripts should be brought together to form the nucleus of a library, which if properly utilised should prove very valuable. Doubtless steps will be taken to ensure the safe preservation of the papers, for a good deal of Mr. Hattersley's work, if lost, would be absolutely irreplaceable, and as long as this one risk can be guarded against, the whole scheme seems to have been most happily conceived. In putting the proposal into execution the Committee have acted in most complete accord with the wishes of the family, and the Exercise is now assured that the results of the life-long labours of one of its ablest exponents shall be kept at the disposal of future generations.

When one realises what labour and pains some of the old masters, who have long since left us, must have bestowed upon their researches, and how little remains to present ringers of all their work, it really is a matter for deep regret. The truth was that no one but a ringer could appreciate their work, and when the end came no ringer was there to save these papers—so costly in time and in thought—from destruction at the hands of those who were ignorant of their value. But the Exercise has been happier in the preservation of Mr. Hattersley's work. The members of his family had a knowledge of its worth, and there were around him in his life men who fully realised all that his long years of effort meant, and who, in any case, could have been trusted to see that so much skill and labour were not wasted after his death. The result is the ceremony which is to take place on Saturday week at Sheffield.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 18, 1916, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	*WILLIAM HENLEY 6
*PERCY E. JONES 2	JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	*JAMES BLACKMORE 8
JOHN C. TRUSS 4	JOHN GRANSBURY 9
WILLIAM T. HORNE 5	RALPH COLES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung, with the bells muffled at back stroke, by Bucks men as a token of sympathy with the Bishop of Buckingham and Mrs. Shaw in their third loss sustained during the War by the death of their eldest son, Edward A. Shaw, Captain; Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, killed in action on Oct. 7.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 22, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOLLIS 1-2	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5-6
CLEMENT GRENN 3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8
GEORGE DAVIES 9-10	

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Rung on the set of handbells recently presented to the M.C.A. by Lady Heywood.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Pte Thomas Shaw, of Kingsthorpe, 28th Training Reserve Batta.

From St. Mary's, Cheshunt:—

Pte D. Tucker, A.S.C. (Motor Transport).

Pte H. Cornwell, 13th Queen's, R.W. Surrey Regiment, now in France.

From St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

Pte Ralph Hubbard, A.A.S., R.G.A.

Gnr. James Harris, R.F.A.

D.C.M. RINGER KILLED.

Lance-Corpl. Percy Hassock, D.C.M., of Maidstone, who has been serving with the 6th City of London Rifles since the early days of the war, has been killed in France, falling to the bullet of a sniper on Sept. 15th. He was a chorister and ringer at St. Michael's Church, and joined the army in September, 1914. He went out with an early draft, and his work at the front has been distinguished by much bravery. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for saving a machine gun. His comrades on either side of him had fallen, but he continued working the machine gun, and his bravery did much to check the German attack. According to a letter Q.-M.-S. Frank Weedon has sent to his brother, Mr. Hugh Weedon, Corpl. Hassock was to have been recommended for further honours. "He was much admired by both officers and men, not only for his courage, but for his never ending cheerfulness."

Deceased was a native of Downham Market, and was about 30 years of age.

On October 8th the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung muffled, the tenor being open on one side, both before and after morning service, and for the children's service at All Saints' Church in the afternoon five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and one of Stedman were rung, conducted by T. Mannering.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held recently. The touches rung during the afternoon included Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor. Owing to a small attendance of members the ringing was not up to the usual standard of these meetings, but the members had the pleasure of welcoming two prominent ringers who are now serving with H.M. Forces, viz.: Gunner A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., of Guildford, Surrey, who is stationed at Lydd, and was on a visit to Rye, and Trumpet-Major Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry, of Wells Cathedral, who was undergoing a course of musketry at Rye. They proved a great acquisition to the meeting. Tea was followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. Youngs, Master pro tem., presiding.—It was proposed that the next meeting be held at New Romney. The following towers sent representatives to the meeting, viz., Ashford, Woodchurch, Stone-in-Oxney and Rye.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. J. PARKER.

In your issue for October 13th, Mr. Baker makes some remarks concerning the question of 60 plain courses of Stedman Triples. As I have been rather fully into the question, and have the thing written up, I should like to make a few remarks, with your kind permission, as they may be of interest and helpful to Mr. Baker and others who may be interested in the matter. Mr. Baker may at least get a suggestion, or see some stone that I have left unturned.

Now it had always seemed to me that in order to get a firm grip of this question we should require a table of courses in which the three even rows of every six should be made to fall as slow or quick six ends. This, I found, necessitated 360 plain courses. Here I may say that I never thought it necessary to dabble with "odd" courses, believing that they would confuse matters, as I had always found that if a thing would come at all, it would come readily enough in "even" form.

I will here give a short description of the first set of tables used.

Table I.—The 840 sixes arranged in seven-part form, the groups of sixes being numbered from 1 to 120.

Table II.—360 courses, arranged in groups of seven, and sections of twenty-one (three groups), the groups being numbered from 1 to 54. Here I should explain that one of the sections contained only three courses—the plain course to which the whole thing is built, and two courses of the same nature. This I will call section R.

Table III.—Representing the 60 courses in a condensed form, showing what sixes they contain and to what extent the groups are false one with another.

Table IV.—Representing the groups of sixes, and showing the groups of courses in which they are to be found, their position being shown in Table III.

Table V.—Showing all the connections from course to course, supposing a peal in seven parts were possible by any plan whatever.

Table VI.—A table of results showing what groups of courses are true with each other.

On referring to Table VI, I find that out of 50 full groups there were 27 true in themselves, and 20 cases in which three groups were true with each other, including the three courses in section R, making 24 courses in all. This was the yield from a table in seven parts.

In arranging Table II, I noticed that in the three courses in section R, a three-part relationship existed. I therefore arranged three groups to a section, so that, while the thing represented a seven-part table one way, it represented a three-part table the other. Here I might mention that I noticed two other groups of three courses similar to section R, suggesting a nine-part peal.

From a table of results representing 5,768 tests, I find there were 102 true groups of three courses, but in no case was I able to find more than eight groups true with each other, making 24. This number was to be had many different ways, either in three-part or six-part form.

The tables I arranged for dealing with this question in five and ten-part form were made to do duty, to a great extent for four and eight parts. I noticed that the groups of courses consisted of three distinct classes. I therefore arranged them so, seeing that four groups of each class would be required to make up the desired 60 courses.

Class I consisted of 24 groups (five courses each), in which the 6—7 and 7—6 came behind in "quick" sixes.

Class II consisted of 24 groups, in which the 6—7 and 7—6 came behind in "slow" sixes, these sixes being the same as in Class I.

Class III consisted of 24 groups, in which the 6—7 and 7—6 fall into 4—5 at "slow" sixes, these sixes occurring in Class II as quick sixes.

Concerning Class I, the whole 24 are true as single groups, when paired, eight double groups, and four sets of four groups, including Hudson's, each set showing its own particular family of part ends. Concerning Class II, 20 are true as single groups, ten double groups, and five sets of four groups, including Hudson's. Concerning Class III, the groups are very false, either in themselves or with their sister groups, or in both cases, and in only one case was it possible to get a complete set of four groups true. These were Hudson's. This set I found to be true with one of the sets in Class II, giving us 40 true plain courses. These 40 courses appeared in "The Bell News" for June 6th, 1908, together with 40 from our old friend John Carter, and my namesake, J. W. Parker.

With regard to Mr. Baker's reasons, I will say that I do not consider the fixing of 5—6—7 has any bearing upon the question. He is quite correct about the fifteen even courses with 6—7 fixed. I will also say that there is no question of adding odd courses to our party. As I have already said, if they would come at all, they would come in even form.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON. — On Sunday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins., for the evening service, and probably the first in the method on the bells: T. S. Smith 1, P. Jones 2, G. T. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. Beeby 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, F. H. Cropley 8. The visitors desire to thank the foreman of the tower in each case for kindly making arrangements for them, and the respective Vicars for their kind permission to ring.

MILITARY MEDAL FOR PORTSEA RINGER.

Corpl. Fred Burrow, a member of the St. Mary's, Portsea, band, who is serving in the Hampshire Regiment, has won the Military Medal. In a letter home he says that he had the ribbon pinned to his coat by the General on the previous Sunday, and was given a card, which stated: "I wish to place on record my appreciation of your coolness in consolidating the third objective and remaining there 48 hours, till relieved, under heavy fire."

Corpl. Burrow is in the machine-gun section, and is an old member of the St. Mary's Club. He volunteered at the outbreak of war, and his short ringing career prior to that was full of promise. He joined the Winchester Guild in August, 1913, as a probationer. On November 23rd of that year he rang his first quarter-peal of Grandsire, and in the following February his first quarter of Stedman. Soon after he rang Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and, on the Tuesday before the fateful August 4th, took part in three courses of Double Norwich Major. Thus within twelve months he had learned to ring no fewer than five methods. The Portsea band are naturally proud of his success, and hope to see him make the same rapid strides in the army as he did in ringing. Ringers everywhere will join in congratulations to the gallant corporal, and hope for his safe return, and that of his four other colleagues from the same belfry who are also fighting in France.

ANNIVERSARY OF A CELEBRATED LONDON PEAL.

Following an early morning visit on Sunday last to St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Oxford Street, W., where touches of Grandsire were rung upon that fine toned peal, eight enthusiasts wended their way to St. Giles-in-the-Fields and rang a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's original, in 45 mins.: W. Dyas 1, C. Stephenson 2, W. Hewitt 3, F. Pike 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, W. A. Alps 6, T. Walker 7, F. Davis 8.

Although this visit to St. Giles' was not prearranged (six of the band were College Youths), by a strange coincidence it happened to be the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung by the College Youths on Sunday, October 23rd, 1791, and the following particulars appearing on a handsome board in the belfry may be of interest:—

Sunday, October 23rd, 1791.—The Society of College Youths did ring in this steeple the original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples as composed by Jno. Holt, in one continued course, with two doubles in the four last leads, completed in 3 hrs. 7 mins., called by James Bartlett, being the only person that ever rang and called this very difficult composition: Charles Barber treble, William Paris 2, William Kirke 3, William Jones 4, James Brown 5, Jonathan Langley 6, James Bartlett 7, Christopher Stratford tenor. This tablet was restored in 1883.

WINCHESTER GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE MEETING AT BRAMLEY.**

A pleasant little meeting for practice, one of the kind that are, happily, growing in number, took place at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday. It was arranged in connection with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, and a goodly company turned up by rail and cycle to make the best use of the handy peal of six, kindly placed at their disposal by the Rector. The meeting was the second of a fortnightly series which have been arranged to cover the period up to Christmas, in order to give a little stimulus to ringing in this part of the district at both the six and the eight bell towers. Bramley possesses a well-kept belfry, and a light, musical ring, the tenor being about 8½ cwt., but at present there is no local band. The war has claimed them, and the boys who were making a start seem to have disbanded, although two of them (one in naval uniform) were lured on Saturday to the tower by the sound of the bells. Guildfold, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Shalford, Woking and other places were represented, and the ringers included three lady members, each of whom took part in touches. There was "something for everybody," from rounds, for the small boy from Shalford, who was hardly tall enough to reach the sally, but who shaped well nevertheless, to a 720 of Kent Treble Bob to gratify the ambition of another member. This was rung by: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, M. Smither 3, C. Hazelden 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 6. Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, and the bells lowered in peal before service. Afterwards, at Church Cottage, several privileged visitors were regaled with tea and reminiscences, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe was much appreciated. The investigation of the curio case, which contains such widely diversified objects as a shell necklace from the South Sea Islands, and relics from the condemned cell at Newgate, a memento of the Stone Age, and the latest pattern rifle bullet, was not the least interesting part of the proceedings, while, in addition, handbells and story passed a delightful hour. Altogether the gathering was voted a great success. The next practice is at Cranleigh on November 4th.

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DEATH OF MR. A. A. JOHNSTON. HEAD OF THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

We deeply regret to have to record the sudden death of Mr. A. A. Johnston, head of the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have a world-wide repute as bell founders and clock makers. Mr. Johnston on Monday appeared to be in his customary health, and visited the Mitcham Common golf links for a game of golf, a recreation which he always much enjoyed. While playing he collapsed, and died almost immediately.

The late Mr. Johnston leaves a widow, one son (Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston) and one daughter (Miss Norah Johnston) to mourn their loss. Lieut. Johnston, who, soon after the outbreak of war, was given a commission in the Public Schools Battalion, has since transferred to the Grenadier Guards, and at the time of his father's death was with the regiment in France.

The deceased, who was 65 years of age, had been connected with the business since the year 1877.

As clockmakers, the firm's work is to be found in almost every country of the world, and among the clocks of special interest, of which they were the manufacturers, are the Law Courts clock in the Strand, the largest striking clock in the western hemisphere at Toronto, and the first public clocks erected at Jerusalem and Nazareth.

The firm, under the direction of the late Mr. Johnston, has come rapidly to the front in bell founding, and have been responsible for a great many excellent rings in recent years, notably the ten at Wimborne Minster, and the twelve at Wolverhampton, to mention only two of the best known.

Although not a ringer himself, the late Mr. Johnston naturally took a deep interest in all that appertained to bells and ringing, and in addition to being an honorary member of the Surrey Association, served on the committee of that organisation.

The funeral takes place to-day (Friday). The first portion of the service will be held at Croydon Parish Church at 2 p.m., and the interment at Queen's Road Cemetery at 2.45 p.m.

INQUIRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can you oblige me with the following information:

1.—What are Oxford Singles, as I see in your issue of August 25th, the account of "432 Singles, consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oxford, rung on four bells"?

2.—How many possible ways are there of calling 120 Plain Bob Doubles?

3.—Where can I obtain a list of the Central Council Publications?

4.—Sometimes I see a peal report and a footnote says: "First peal with Bob Bell." Can you tell me what this means?

If you can spare space to give me the above information I shall be greatly obliged.—Yours faithfully,

"PUZZLED."

1.—Perhaps those who rang the Oxford Singles will supply our correspondent with the information asked for.

2.—There are four customary ways of calling 120 Bob Doubles, which will be found in Snowdon's "Rope-Sight," while Shipway shows how eight other six-scores can be got by the use of Singles, made by places in 2nd's and 3rd's, the bells behind plain hunting.

3.—The hon. secretary of the Central Council can doubtless supply a list of the Council's publications. They are not publicly advertised.

4.—A peal with a "bob bell" is a peal with a bell doing work other than hunting like the treble, or covering like the tenor in odd-bell methods.—Ed, "R.W."

CLERGYMEN FINED FOR BELLRINGING.

At the Leicester Police Court on Wednesday week, the Rev. A. Tolhurst, of St. Anne's Church, was summoned for permitting a bell to be rung for evening service contrary to the Defence of Realm regulations, which prohibit bells, hooters and horns from being sounded after sunset. A churchwarden appeared and apologised, but the Bench had no option. Being the first case in this district the minimum fine of 5s. and costs was imposed. This is the second conviction for bell ringing in a week in the Midland area.

The Rector of West Horsley (Surrey) has also been fined for permitting the church bells to be rung after dark. There were two summonses against him, one for having unscreened lights showing from the church windows on the west and south sides, and the other in respect of the bells, which the police-sergeant found were being chimed by the Rector's son. The Rector wrote to the Bench expressing regret, and saying that no one thought by ringing the church bells they were contravening the Defence of the Realm Act. The magistrates imposed a fine of £2 in respect of the lights, and 10s. in respect of the ringing of the bells.

BARNES.—For harvest thanksgiving service, on Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrell 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

INTERESTING RELIC OF BYGONE DAYS.

A DERBYSHIRE CURFEW LEGEND.

By Pte ERNEST MORRIS.

Whilst on a ramble round Langwith, Derbyshire, I visited the Parish Church of Scarcliffe. In this church is an ancient monument of some celebrity, which is regarded as the most interesting that Derbyshire possesses. It consists of a full length effigy of a lady holding a child on her left arm. It is doubtless of Early English period, and there are but few monuments of that date in such perfect condition. The head rests on a lion, and is adorned with a well-wrought coronet, denoting the high rank of the wearer. The hair is gathered up at the sides of the face in plaited braids, and she wears a long plain tunic or dress, with tight-fitting sleeves, and confined by a girdle at the waist. The tunic is fastened at the neck by a brooch formed of an open circle with a central pin; below it is an embroidered band cross-



SCARCLIFFE CHURCH.

ing the breast, which secures the long flowing mantle that hangs down behind nearly to the feet. A fold of the mantle is brought forward in front and upheld by the right arm. The left arm is passed round the child, whose feet rest on a sort of foliated bracket. The infant's right hand reaches up in a coaxing attitude to the face of the mother, and in the left hand is held a long scroll delicately engraved with the following stanza, in rhymed Leonine verse:—

"Hic sub humo strata, mulier jacet tumulata.
Constans et grata, constancia jure vocata.
Cu genetrix, data proles requiescit humata.
Quamquam peccata capiti ejus sint cumulata,
Crimine purgata cum prole Johanne beata
Vivat, prefata, sanctorum sede locata. Amen."

The feet of the effigy rest on a defaced nondescript animal.

Near by is a slab inscribed: "Left by Lady Constantia. Five acres of land purchased for the purpose of ringing Curfew at Scarcliffe for ever. Three acres and three roods now in the occupation of John Coupe, and let at the annual rent of three pounds seven shillings and sixpence, and known by the names as follows: Moor close, one acre three roods; Twenty Lands, one acre and eighteen perches; and Honey Croft, three roods and twenty-two perches. Also one acre and one rood known by the name of Cock-Stye now in the occupation of John Jeffrey, and let at the annual rent of one pound two shillings and sixpence. 1832."

This bequest of Lady Constantia gave rise to the legend (formerly current with respect to the original of this monument) that she and her infant lost their way in the neighbouring woods, and were in danger of perishing of cold and fatigue, when the welcome sound of the Curfew bell of Scarcliffe Church reached her ear and guided her to human habitations. In gratitude she left this land that the Curfew bell might continue its daily toll for ever. Bassano, writing in 1710, says of this monument that it is in honour of a "queen or lady, who, being big with child and benighted, was by ye ringing of ye bells brought to Scarcliffe, where she was delivered of a son, and both dyed in ye yeare 1000." He adds: "I could not read ye scroyle."

The bells of the church are four in number, and inscribed:—

I.—"Sancta Maria ora pro nobis." In small Gothic letters of rough workmanship. The founders mark consists of a cross and the initials "R.C."

II.—"God save His Church. T. S. G. S. W. Revill, W. Hall Wardens. 1698."

III.—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo. I.H.S." The founders' mark is a shield bearing a fillet cross, with the initials "R.H." (Ralph Heathcote) above it.

IV.—"Hinc Venio retro. Cum silis noie Petro." Also under a cross the initials "R.B."

Though the Sanctus bell has disappeared, the bell-cote on the gable of the Nave still remains. The inhabitants of Scarcliffe must have been much devoted to bell ringing, for when the Common lands were enclosed in 1726, four acres were set apart, the rent of which was to provide the parish with bell ropes.

A RINGER'S JUBILEE.

CELEBRATION AT STONEY STANTON.

Fifty years a ringer! Before some of us were born, and before the fathers of some of the younger school had seen the light, Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, had the belfry fever. It must not be thought that because the village is hyphenated by the word "stoney," that the ringing is also of that breed. Far from it. In 1857, when St. George's bells, Leicester, were opened, it was a band of six-bell men from Stoney Stanton that rang the first 720 upon them, the brothers Orton being famous in the hunting shire for their six-bell prowess. St. George's, alas! has now but one bell, the six original having been melted in the great fire five years ago, and the record of the first and only 5040 upon them called by the writer more than twenty years back is but a memory. But change ringing at Stoney Stanton is still like Tennyson's book, and goes on for ever, albeit that more than half the inhabitants (quarrymen) are "somewhere in France."

Harry Briggs carries the hoar frost of Father Time, but is still as energetic at the end of a rope as a novice, and to celebrate his half century of ringing eight men of the Midland Counties Association met at Stanton Church on October 14th to ring, if possible, a 5040 in honour of the event. Thurstan's one-part peal of Stedman Triples was started for by H. Briggs treble, H. Argyle (Nuneaton) 2, W. Willson, Leicester (conductor) 3, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 4, L. Allen (Leicester) 5, T. Chapman (Nuneaton) 6, A. R. Aldham (Barwell) 7, W. Jones (Stoney Stanton) tenor. All went merrily for about half a peal, when "a slip in the slow" turned two bells over, and we set up. That inexorable censor—the Defence of the Realm Act—prevented a further attempt, so the company adjourned to Mr. Briggs' hospitable board, where the cup that cheers was very welcome, and was as cheerfully served by the good wife and the host, who will ere long (D.V.) see their golden wedding.

There was a time when Harry Briggs and his four sons rang together in a peal, but one after another has been called home, and Charlie alone remains with his father. The company being reinforced by him and by another promising ringer, Mr. Webb, of Croft, the handbells came into use, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Caters and Grandsire Cinques being rung off, while anecdote and joke filled the space until train time appeared, and put an end temporarily to good company; Arthur Aldham to "shomox" back to Barwell (pronounced Barrell), the remainder to their respective places.

The company heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Briggs for their kind hospitality, and trust both will live to see their cherished objective—the golden wedding—when, if we all meet again, the peal may after all become an accomplished fact. W. W.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Woodford on Saturday week, when the fine peal of six was placed at the disposal of the members by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Davidson). Touches of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung by mixed bands from Thrapston, Raunds, Ringstead, Twywell, Isham, Addington, Finedon, Burton Latimer, and Woodford. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, and hymns were heartily sung.—The Rector, in his address, urged upon his hearers that when they rang the bells they were sending forth God's message; therefore, they were messengers of God.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, about 35 sitting down, the Rector presiding, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford). Raunds was chosen for the next place of meeting, and the chairman was elected an hon. member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local band for having everything in readiness, to the organist, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Rector, in replying, said it was a pleasure to him and to the parishioners generally to have the ringers there.—Handbells were rung after the meeting.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at All Saints' Church, Fulham, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: H. Langdon (conductor) 1, A. W. Davis 2, B. A. Arthurton 3, H. G. Owen 4, A. Cutmore 5, W. A. Garrard 6, Sergt. S. A. Wright (Scots Guards) 7, A. W. Darlington 8, W. H. Hollier 9, M. C. Smith 10.—On Sept. 24th, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. W. Davis 1, W. A. Garrard 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. V. Selby 5, Sergt. S. A. Wright (Scots Guards) 6, W. Langdon 7, A. W. Darlington 8, S. J. Collins 9, H. Langdon (conductor) 10.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Brent on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 39th annual festival will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, October 28th, 1916. The following bells will be available from 12 noon until 4 p.m.: Cathedral, Newcastle (12, tenor 37½ cwt.), All Saints, Pilgrim Street (8, 19 cwt.), St. John's, Westgate Road (8, 12½ cwt.), St. George's, Osborne Road (8, 17 cwt.), All Saints, Gosforth (8, 22 cwt.), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8, 15 cwt.). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The committee meeting will be held at the Douglas Hotel, Grainger Street, West, at 5 p.m., and tea in the same place at 6 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for the tea, 1s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. — G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch). — A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on October the 28th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Bells available from 2.30 till 5. Those who desire tea please notify us.—F. A. Smith, F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available 3.30 till dusk.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock to dusk.—Thos. V. Worsley, Branch Sec., 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and book-case, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside. Tea will be provided for visitors who give notice of their intention of being present. —Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common. The eight bell tower (tenor 18½ cwt.), will be available from 3 o'clock until service at 5 o'clock. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.) in the Mission Room, Greyhound Lane, close to the church. Short business meeting after tea. Please notify intention to be present to Charles Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1916. Bells available from 3 till dusk. Business meeting, 7 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea

by kind invitation. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by November 1st to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. All requiring tea please advise me by November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.—Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome.—F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A friendly meeting will be held at Denham, Bucks, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, Oct. 28th (to-morrow) at 3 p.m.; tea 5.30. November practices are being arranged as follows, all at 2.30: 11th, Stoke Poges; 18th, Burnham; 25th, Farnham Royal; also Dec. 2nd, Slough. Please note there will be no ringing on Sundays or week days after sunset until further notice owing to Defence of the Realm regulations.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

QUESTION OF RINGING AFTER THE WAR.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Headcorn, and proved an undoubted success. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock with a touch of Stedman Triples, and this was followed by Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob. Good striking prevailed throughout.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gatehouse) presiding. The hon. secretary and district representative were re-elected, and quarterly meetings next year were fixed as follows: Hythe (February), Wye (April) and Tenterden (June), and the annual at Ashford, in September.

The district representative was instructed to bring before the Central Committee in November the sending of some little memento from the Association to each member in H.M. Forces, and also to consider the best way to organise ringing in the county when peace shall be proclaimed.

A special service was held in the church, consisting of intercessory prayers and hymns, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., presiding at the organ.—The Vicar, who officiated, asked that the members of the district who were on active service should be specially remembered in the prayers.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 40 sitting down, and the Vicar presiding. As there was a great difficulty in finding a caterer to provide a tea at anything like the figure allowed by the Association, Mrs. Gatehouse, the Vicar's wife, herself a ringer, very kindly undertook to cater for the occasion, and right royally she did it. Added to this was the excellent waiting of the ladies in attendance, and the hearty vote of thanks and the resounding cheers which were accorded to them at the close were well merited.

The following towers were represented: Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Biddenden, Folkestone, Hythe, Mersham, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to the following distinguished visitors, viz.: Messrs. I. Emery, member of Central Committee; W. Hewett, Camberwell; E. F. Pike, Lewisham; Trumpet-Major Farley, Wells Cathedral (now stationed at Ash-next-Sandwich); F. S. Macey, Sittingbourne; D. Hodgkin, Marden; and the Shepherd, who is responsible for the whole flock. Owing to the existing restrictions no ringing could be done in the tower after tea, but several touches on the handbells, both double and single-handed, were rung, and this passed away the time pleasantly until the party was compelled to disperse, and those who were decidedly past military age felt they had done their little bit by helping to keep the church bells ringing till the boys come home.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday week the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths spent a very enjoyable time at the autumn quarterly meeting, which was held at "their home," as the fine old veteran, Mr. Wm. Doran, likes to term Shoreditch. The tower was open at 2.30, and many touches were rung during the afternoon, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. J. Thomas and Mr. F. I. Hairs (all in His Majesty's uniform) taking part, whilst all the members were more than pleased to welcome their old secretary, Mr. Frank Bennett, now of Brighton. After tea, which was partaken of in the Parish Room, the business meeting followed. It was necessary to read the minutes of the two preceding quarterly meetings, as those of the spring meeting were not confirmed last time owing to the minute book having been accidentally left in the train by the Master. Happily the book had been recovered from the G.E.R.

It was unanimously decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, an invitation having been already received from the Vicar.—One new member, whom all were very glad to welcome, was elected, namely, Mr. Leonard A. Pye, son of Mr. A. Pye, of Seven Kings.—This brought the business to a close, and Mr. J. Raynor, having, with his usual thoughtfulness, brought his handbells along, the members indulged in a few touches on these musical bells, Mrs. Frank Hairs and Mrs. Walker taking part, and by the way the latter lady handled her bells, we may expect to see her joining the ranks of the lady handbell peal ringers shortly.

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